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**CHARACTER STRUCTURE
AND CHARACTER PARITY SENSE
FOR SERIAL-BY-BIT
DATA COMMUNICATION IN THE
CODE FOR INFORMATION INTERCHANGE**

**CATEGORY: HARDWARE STANDARD
SUBCATEGORY: TRANSMISSION**

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Abstract

This standard specifies the method of transmitting the Standard Code for Information Interchange (FIPS 1) in the serial-by-bit, serial-by-character data transmission. This revision supersedes FIPS PUB 17 and reflects changes necessary to accommodate revisions prescribed by FIPS 1 when operating in either 7 or 8 bit coded environments. This standard is identified also as Federal Standard Number 1011.

Key words: American Standard Code for Information Interchange; ASCII; character parity sense; character structure; communications; data transmission; Federal Information Processing Standards; serial-by-bit; telecommunications; teleprocessing.

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ANNOUNCING THE STANDARD FOR

CHARACTER STRUCTURE AND CHARACTER PARITY SENSE FOR SERIAL-BY-BIT DATA COMMUNICATION IN THE CODE FOR INFORMATION INTERCHANGE



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Name of Standard. Character Structure and Character Parity Sense for Serial-By-Bit Data Communication in the Code for Information Interchange.

Category of Standard. Hardware Standard, Transmission.

Explanation. This standard specifies the method of transmitting the Standard Code for Information Interchange (FIPS 1) in the serial-by-bit, serial-by-character data transmission. This revision supersedes FIPS PUB 17 and reflects changes necessary to accommodate revisions prescribed by FIPS 1 when operating in either 7 or 8 bit coded environments.

Approving Authority. Secretary of Commerce.

Maintenance Agency. Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards (Institute for Computer Sciences and Technology).

Cross Index.

- a. American National Standard X3.16-1976, Character Structure and Character Parity Sense for Serial-By-Bit Data Communication in the American National Standard Code for Information Interchange.
- b. FIPS PUB 1, Code for Information Interchange.
- c. FIPS PUB 16-1, Bit Sequencing of the Code for Information Interchange in Serial-By-Bit Data Transmission.
- d. FIPS PUB 18-1, Character Structure and Character Parity Sense for Parallel-By-Bit Data Communication in the Code for Information Interchange.

Applicability. Applicable to the transmission of the Standard Code in a serial bit stream form at the interface between data terminal equipment and data communications equipment. Data terminal equipments transmitting an approved Federal subset of FIPS 1 are not precluded.

Specifications. Federal Information Processing Standard 17-1 (FIPS 17-1), Character Structure and Character Parity Sense for Serial-By-Bit Data Communication in the Code for Information Interchange, is identified also as Federal Standard 1011 (affixed). This joint Federal Information Processing Standard and Federal Standard adopts American National Standard X3.16-1976,

Character Structure and Character Parity Sense for Serial-By-Bit Data Communication in the Code for Information Interchange.

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- (1) Statement of purpose and principal function of the system.

- (2) Potential or planned use of the facilities employed with this system to interchange information with similar systems operated within the agency or by other agencies.

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FEDERAL STANDARD

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS: CHARACTER STRUCTURE
AND CHARACTER PARITY SENSE FOR SERIAL-BY-BIT
BIT DATA COMMUNICATION IN THE AMERICAN
NATIONAL STANDARD CODE FOR
INFORMATION INTERCHANGE**

This standard is issued by the General Services Administration pursuant to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, and Public Law 89-306. This standard has also been published as an integral part of Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publication 17-1. The application of this standard to data processing systems and telecommunication systems is mandatory on all Federal agencies.

1. Scope. This standard specifies the character structure and character parity sense for serial-by-bit data communication using the American National Standard for Information Interchange (ASCII).

1.1 Purpose. Federal telecommunication standards are to facilitate interoperability between telecommunication facilities and systems and compatibility of these systems at the computer-communications interface with data processing equipment.

1.2 Application. This standard is to be used by Federal agencies with other Federal Standards or design specifications describing functional, mechanical and procedural characteristics as necessary to achieve interoperability. Systems in existence on the date of this standard which are designed to a different character parity sense specification are not required to comply with the parity sense requirement in this standard. The parity sense required for 8 level perforated paper tape is not a part of this standard.

2. Reference Document. This standard adopts the following American National Standards Institute (ANSI) document to the extent specified herein:

X3.16-1976 Character Structure and Character Parity Sense for Parallel-by-Bit Data Communication in the American National Standard Code for Information Interchange

Copies may be obtained from ANSI, Inc., 1430 Broadway, New York, New York 10018. Federal agencies may obtain copies with FIPS Publication 17-1 from the National Technical Information Service, Document Processing Branch, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

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